

HYDROLOGIC OUTLOOK  
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...BELOW NORMAL PRECIPITATION CONTINUES ACROSS SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA...

DATING BACK TO JULY 1, 2003 (THE BEGINNING OF THE LAST WATER YEAR WHICH ENDED JUNE 30, 2004) MOST OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA HAS EXPERIENCED BELOW NORMAL RAINFALL...WITH MOST SITES GENERALLY RECEIVING ONLY 35-85% OF NORMAL RAINFALL. THE NEW WATER YEAR...WHICH BEGAN JULY 1, 2004...HAS CONTINUED TO BE DRY WITH MOST SITES REPORTING NO PRECIPITATION DURING THE MONTH OF JULY.

THE LACK OF RAINFALL THIS SEASON CONTINUES TO CONTRIBUTE TO SOME EARLIER THAN NORMAL WILD FIRES IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.

FOR COMPARISON PURPOSES...LOS ANGELES DOWNTOWN HAD ITS DRIEST SEASON ON RECORD IN 2001-2002 WITH ONLY 4.42 INCHES OF RAIN. DURING THE WATER YEAR THAT JUST ENDED ON JUNE 30, 2004...LOS ANGELES DOWNTOWN RECEIVED 9.25 INCHES OF RAIN.

FOLLOWING ARE RAINFALL COMPARISONS FOR LOCATIONS ACROSS SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FOR WATER YEAR 2003 -04 (JULY 1, 2003 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2004) AND JULY 2004 (THE FIRST MONTH OF THE NEW WATER YEAR)...

LOCATION	* RAIN	**NORMAL	% OF NORMAL	JULY*** 2004
LOS ANGELES DOWNTOWN	9.25	15.14	61%	T
LOS ANGELES AIRPORT	8.61	13.15	66%	0.0
MOUNT WILSON	14.40	40.37	36%	0.0
OXNARD WFO	8.32	15.62	53%	T
PALMDALE	5.18	7.36	70%	0.0
SANTA BARBARA CITY	10.22	18.58	55%	0.0
PASO ROBLES	9.76	14.71	66%	0.0
SANTA MARIA AIRPORT	8.75	14.01	63%	0.0
SAN LUIS OBISPO (POLY)	16.08	24.36	66%	0.0
BIG BEAR LAKE	15.85	21.15	75%	0.0
LAKE CUYAMACA	21.41	35.83	59%	0.0
LAGUNA BEACH	8.14	13.56	60%	0.0
RIVERSIDE	6.07	9.85	62%	0.0
SAN DIEGO	5.18	10.77	48%	0.0
BAKERSFIELD	4.63	6.49	71%	0.0
MOJAVE	5.64	6.63	85%	0.0
BARSTOW	6.13	4.80	126%	0.0
DEATH VALLEY	2.07	2.33	89%	0.0
HAIWEE	6.14	7.37	83%	0.0
INDEPENDENCE	3.59	5.20	69%	0.0
MOUNTAIN PASS	10.06	8.98	112%	0.0
BLYTHE	1.63	4.02	41%	0.0
EL CENTRO	3.29	2.96	111%	0.0

\* RAIN IS TOTAL AMOUNT MEASURED FROM JULY 1, 2003 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2004

\*\*NORMAL IS BASED UPON A 30 YEAR PERIOD FROM 1971 TO 2000 AND FOR THE DAYS OF JULY 1 THROUGH JUNE 30.

\*\*\*PRELIMINARY TOTALS

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